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FEBRUARY 18. FOR IPS/PL AND IOP/M. TODAY'S MORNING PAPERS, HIGH CIRCULATION LA PRENSA GRAFICA AND EL DIARIO DE HOY, EDITORIALIZED ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LATIN AMERICAN VISIT. CONSERVATIVE LA PRENSA GRAFICA, IN TWIN EDITORIALS, REITERATED PREVIOUS EDITORIAL COMMENTARY BY STATING THAT INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE GOING THROUGH THEIR MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS A ROUGH ROAD AHEAD DURING HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR. THE PAPER BEMOANED THAT U.S. ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAVE RELEGATED LATIN AMERICA TO A SECONDARY POSITION. ALTHOUGH HE EDITORIALS PRAISED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HIS DIPLOMATIC ABILITIES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. IT ALL DEPENDS, CONTINUED THE EDITORIAL, ON HOW KISSINGER CAN INFLUENCE HIS GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVE CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA. A GREAT DEAL DEPENDS ON WHAT HE CAN ACCOMPLISH IN CARACAS; THIS WILL SET THE TONE FOR THE REST OF HIS TRIP. SAID LA PRENSA GRAFICA IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL (EXCEPRTS); "KISSINGER PRINCIPIO SU VIAJE POR LA PASSE MAS DIFICIL. DE LOS SEIS PAISES PROGRAMADOS, VENEZUELA TIENE, SIN LUGAR A DUDAS, LA MAYOR IMPORTANCIA. NO SOLAMENTE ES UNO DE SUS PRINCIPALES PROVEEDORES DE PETROLEO, SINO TAMBIEN UNO DE LOS PRINCIPALES COMPRADORES DE BIENES Y SERVICIOS NORTEAMERICANOS. EL DOLAR QUE ESTADOS UNIDOS PAGA POR EL PETROLEO VENEZOLANO, REGRESA MULTIPLICADO EN LO QUE VENEZUELA PAGA POR COMPRAS EN LOS EE.UU. ASI QUE LO QUE KISSINGER LOGRE O NO LOGRE HOY EN VENEZUELA, ESTARA REPERCUTIENDO FAVORABLEMENTE O DESFAVORABLEMENTE

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EN LOS OTROS PAISES QUE HA DISPUESTO VISITAR. DURA ES LA

JORNADA QUE TIENE POR DELANTE EL SECRETARIO DE ESTADO EN ESTE RECORRIDO POR PAISES LATINOAMERICANOS."

IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL (EXCERPTS):

"LAS RELACIONES INTERAMERICANAS SE HALLAN EN ESTOS MOMENTOS EN SU SITUACION MAS DIFICIL.

"NO SOLAMENTE HAY PLANTEADAS SITUACIONES DE CONFLICTO, SINO QUE LA CONDUCA NORTEAMERICANA HA ESTADO DEJANDO MUCHO QUE DESEAR EN CUANTO A LATINOAMERICA SE REFIERE. EN PRIMER LUGAR, LA AYUDA ECONOMICA Y LA ASSTENCIA TECNICA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS PROGRAMADAS CON ALCANCES MUNIDALES, HA DEJADO EN SEGUNDO PLANO A LATIOAMERICA...

"SI LAS RELACIONES INTERAMERICANAS --PESE A LOS ABRAZOS Y DISCURSOS DIPLOMATICOS--, SE HALLAN HOY EN UN MOMENTO CRITICO, MUCHO DE ELLO HABRIA QUE ACHACARSELO AL COMPORTAMIENTO NORTEAME-
CIANO CON RESPECTO A LOS INTERESES GENERALES DE LATINOAMERICA...

"KISSINGER HA DEJADO UNA MAGNIFICA HUELLA DIPLOMATICA EN LA GRAVE CRISIS DEL MEDIO ORIENTE. AHORA ESTA A PRUEBA SU HABILIDAD DIPLOMATICA EN ESTE VIAJE POR LATIOAMERICA. TODO DEPENDE DE QUE LOGRE INFLUIR ANTE SU GOBIERNO PARA UN CAMBIO DE LO POLITICA NORTEAMERICAN HACIA LATINOAMERICAS."
CONSERVATIVE EL DIARIO DE HOY EDITORIALLY FOCUSED KISSINGER'S SAN JOSE VISIT. THE EDITORIAL SAW NO ADVANTAGES FOR EL SALVADOR IN THE PROPOSED SAN JOSE MEETING AND SIDED WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA'S DECISION NOT TO ATTEND. IT CONSIDERED IT SOMEWHAT PATERNALISITIC TO BRING THE PRESIDENTS TOGETHER AS IF THEY WERE ADOLESCENTS....IN THE EDITORIAL HEADED "WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO IN SAN JOSE". EL DIARIO DE HOY STATED THERE WERE NO MAJOR ISSUES PENDING WITH THE U.S. WHICH NEEDED DISCUSSION; THAT SALVADORANNZROBLEMS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OJBMOTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES; AND THAT AS FAR AS PROBLEMS BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS ARE CONCERNED, SUCH PROBLEMS ARE TO BE RESOLVED BILATERALLY.

\$8-489'S EDITORIAL (PARTIAL TEXT):

"...SE DIJO QUE TAL VEZ SERIA MUCHO MEJOR QUE EL PRESIDENTE MOLINA NO CONCU
RIESE A ESA JUNTA QUE SE PLANEA EN SAN JOSE
DE COSTA RICA... SE DIJO QUE ERA MUCHO MEJOR QUE EN MATERIA DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES, EL PRESIDENTE SALVADERENO SE CONCRETASE A CAMBIAR IDEAS Y PLANES CON EL JEFE DE ESTADO HONDURENO...
PARA SOLUCIONAR LA DIFERENCIA FRONTERIZA ENTRE EL SALVADOR
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Y HONDURAS... CUANDO UN JEFE DE ESTADO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS QUIERE AFIANZAR RELACIONES CON OTRO PAIS ESTE VA DIRECTAMENTE A VISITARLO. SE TOMA LA MOLESTIA DE IR PERO NO RECURRE AL EXPEDIENTE UN POCO PATERNALISTICO DE REUNIR UN CONJUNTO COMO SI SE TRATASE DE MENORES DE EDAD. LOS PROBLEMAS O CUESTIONES QUE NECESITEN VENTILARSE ENTRE SAN SALVADOR Y WASHINGTON NO SON DE MANERA ALGUNA LAS MISMAS QUE ENTRE LAS DE CUALQUIER CAPITAL DE CONTROAMERICA Y WASHINGTON...

"EL SALVADOR NO TIENE...CUENSTA QUE AJUSTAR, NI NOS DEBEN NI
DEBEMOS NADA QUE VALGA LA PENA Y SI VINIESE MANA EL PROPIO
MR. FORM, COMO VINO EL PRESIDENTE JOHNSON, NO TENDRIAMOS NADA
MAS QUE FESTEJARNOS MUTUAMENTE Y DARLE AL MANDATARIO NORTEAME-
RICANO UNA OPORTUNIDAD DE VERNOS DE CERCA."
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